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City, Feds to discuss border fence

By Julianna Sosa
Staff Writer

The Brownsville City Commission has tabled action on an agreement that would let the U.S. Department of Homeland Security build a temporary border fence between the Gateway International Bridge, B&M Bridge and the proposed East Loop route.

“[Customs and Border Patrol] and DHS superiors notified [U.S. Rep.] Solomon Ortiz an hour and a half ago that they had no idea that a meeting was taking place today,” District 2 Commissioner Charlie Atkinson said Thursday night, directing his comments to a crowd gathered at City Hall for a public hearing on the issue.

City Manager Charlie Cabler said city officials are continuing to negotiate with Homeland Security.

“Now that we have been speaking to Congressman Ortiz and other people and made contact with [Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano], it seems that we have hope to meet with them to sit down with them and discuss basically the anguish it was causing us as a community,” Cabler told The Collegian in an interview. “And the fact that our community is speaking and saying the majority

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UT System freezes presidents’ salaries

By Linet Cisneros
Collegian Editor

The economy has taken so much of a downturn that the University of Texas System is

freezing the salaries of its top officials and university leaders, including UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García’s.

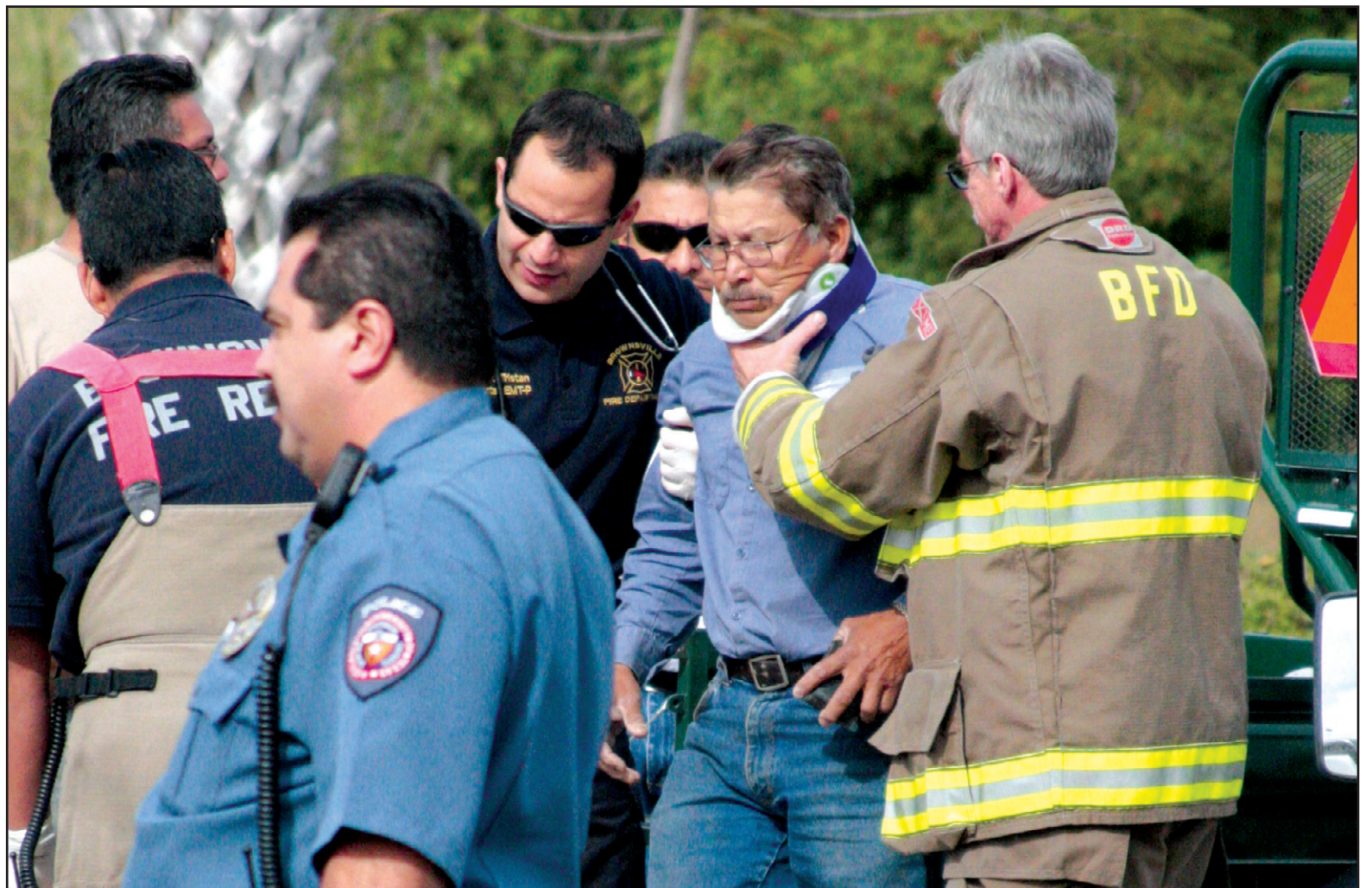
In a news release Feb. 10, UT

System Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa announced a systemwide plan to recommend to the UT System Board of Regents a freeze of

senior executive salaries at all 15 academic and health institutions and the UT System

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University Boulevard accident



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A UTB/TSC Physical Plant employee is assisted by Brownsville Emergency Medical Services personnel after a university utility truck and a Dodge Intrepid collided Wednesday on University Boulevard, Campus Police said. The utility vehicle, which was eastbound, failed to yield the right of way as the car was turning into the Education and Business Complex driveway, Campus Police Officer Gregory Randall said. The driver of the car was cited for speeding, not having a driver’s license and not having insurance, Randall said. The two employees were transported to a hospital and the extent of their injuries was unknown, he said.

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Briefs

Art exhibit

An exhibit titled “**Meditations on the Apocalyptic**” by **Patrick Merrill** runs through Feb. 28 in the Rusteberg Art Gallery. Admission is \$1. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to noon Friday. For more information, call 882-7097 or send an e-mail to gallery@utb.edu.

Student Success workshop

A workshop titled “**Learning Styles**” is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in Cardenas Hall North 104. The workshops are sponsored by the **Student Success Center**. For more information, call 882-8292.

A workshop titled “**Time Management**” is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cardenas Hall North 104. The workshops are sponsored by the **Student Success Center**. For more information, call 882-8292.

Patron of the Arts

Professor **Wang Rensai**, of the College of Foreign Languages at Hunan University of Changsha in Hunan, China, will present a lecture titled “**Human Music, Drama, Dance and Folklore**” at 8 tonight and Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 882-7025.

Cellist **Sarah Kapps** of McAllen and pianist **William Dawson**, a UTB/TSC adjunct faculty member, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children, and \$3 for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID. For more information, call 882-7025.

Faculty Seminar Series

Yeong Chi and **Jennie Johnson**, assistant professors in the **School of Business**, will lecture on “**Consumer Decision-Making Styles of Hispanic American College Business-Major Students**” and “**Integrating Conflict Solutions, Personal Characteristics and Behavior in the Workplace**” from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Education and Business Complex 1.220. The lectures are part of UTB/TSC’s School of Business’ **Faculty Seminar Series**. Admission is free. For more information, call **Steve Lovett** at 882-7382 or send him an e-mail at steve.lovett@utb.edu.

Glucose testing

Student Health Services will offer free finger stick **glucose screenings** from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union’s

veranda. For more information, call 882-8951.

Black History month

UTB/TSC will celebrate **Black History Month** with a performance by the **South Texas Choir**, led by Minister **Donald Hamm**, at 6 p.m. Thursday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. For more information, call **Deloria Nanze-Davis**, assistant to the dean of the College of Applied Technology and General Studies, at 882-4196.

Who's Who

Nominations are being accepted for **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**. Undergraduate applicants must have a grade-point average of 3.0 and be enrolled for six credit hours; graduate applicants must have a GPA of 3.75 and be enrolled in and have completed six graduate semester hours, have no record of academic or discipline probation or suspension and be a member of one of UTB/TSC’s registered student organizations. Applications must be submitted by **4 p.m. Friday** to the Dean of Students Office in the old Education building. For more information, call **David Marquez** at 882-5141.

Beach cleanup

The **Civic Engagement Scholars** club invites all students to a **Beach Cleanup** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Isla Blanca Park. Participants are asked to meet at the Center for Civic Engagement, located at 1301 E. Madison St. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, call **Estela Martinez** at 882-4303 or send an e-mail to scholars@civicengagement.com.

Soccer League

Registration for the **Soccer Ball League** will start today and ends Feb. 25. A captain’s meeting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Student Union’s Salon Jacaranda. Sign up early for best time selection. For more information or to sign up, visit www.campusrecreation.utb.edu or call 982-0172.

Mr. Amigo Parade

Departments and organizations can sign up for the **Mr. Amigo Golf Cart Parade**, which takes place at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 on the Paseo. Golf carts must be lined up before 9:30 a.m. and judging is at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call the **Office of Student Life** at 882-5111.

LSAT mock tests

The **Philonomos Society** will conduct **LSAT Mock Prep Tests** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 28, March 28 and April 25 in Cardenas Hall South 117. For more information, call **Joe Cantu** at 466-1139.

MTV casting

MTV’s “**Engaged and Underage**,” a documentary series, is seeking couples between the ages of 18 and 22 who are getting married in February or March. To apply for the show, download a casting questionnaire at <http://www.mtv.com/ontv/castingcall/index.jhtml?castingId=1509138> or send an e-mail to engagedandunderage@mtvstaff.com.

Spring Break drawing

The **Berlin Study Abroad group** will conduct a “**Spring Break Condo**” drawing. Tickets are \$36 each. A total of six people may stay in the one-bedroom, one-bath condo on South Padre Island. The winner gets to stay in the condo from 1 p.m. March 14 to 11 a.m. March 21. The winner must place a deposit of \$200 (returned if the owner deems the condo is not physically damaged). For more information, call **Joe Cantu** at 466-1139 or **Enrique de la Garza** at (931) 302-9754.

Ferguson Memorial Run

UTB/TSC’s fourth annual **Sgt. Keith Ferguson Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Crawl** is scheduled at 8 a.m. April 4 in front of Cardenas Hall South. Registration is \$10 for children and \$15 for adults before March 27 and \$20 on race day. For more information, call **Veronica M. Garcia** at 882-4327 or send an e-mail to veronica.m.garcia@utb.edu.

Deadline to withdraw

The **Office of the Registrar** reminds students that the deadline to withdraw with a “W” is March 30.

Immunizations

Student Health Services has \$5 immunizations for hepatitis A, hepatitis B, HPV (human papilloma virus), polio, meningitis, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, influenza and varicella (chicken pox). Prices apply to students 18 years or younger at time of visit. For more information, call 882-3896.

ITECC bus route expands

The Brownsville Urban System will extend service hours on Route 14-ITECC beginning today. The service runs between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 20-minute intervals. For more information, visit <http://www.cob.us/bus/pdfs/ITECC%20Loose%20FY%202009%20JARC.pdf> or call 548-6050.

Research symposium

The 11th annual **UTB/TSC Research Symposium** is accepting abstracts from faculty, students and staff interested in presenting their work. This is a cross-discipline symposium and presentations are welcome in any area involved in scholarly work or research. The **deadline to submit an application online is March 1**. For more information, visit <http://blue.utb.edu/research>.

Philosophy Club meetings

The **Philosophy Club** will meet soon. For more information, call **Enrique de la Garza** at (931) 302-9754 or send him an e-mail to edelagarza_12@yahoo.com.

Gorgas Science Society

The **Gorgas Science Society**, the “Club of Science and Adventure,” meets at 2 p.m. each Friday in Life and Health Sciences 3.214. New members are always welcome. For more information, send an e-mail to gorgas.sci.soc@gmail.com.

Circle K meetings

Circle K International, a community service organization, meets from 3 to 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month in Education and Business Complex 2.112. For more information, send an e-mail to **Louis Darte** at louis00@gmail.com.

Civic Engagement Scholars

The **Civic Engagement Scholars**, a service learning club, meets at 11 a.m. every Friday at UTB/TSC’s Center for Civic Engagement, located at 1301 E. Madison St. Students interested in serving the community through various projects are welcome to join. For more information, call 882-4303, visit www.civicengagement.com or send an e-mail to information@civicengagement.com.

Continuing Education

The Workforce Education Department is taking registrations for the following courses: real estate classes, computer courses and summer programs for children ages 5 to 14. The schedules for the classes are on the UTB/TSC main page (www.utb.edu) under the Continuing Education tab. For more information, call 882-4192.

--Compiled by Paola Ibarra

If you would like your organization or department news published in the Collegian’s Briefs section, call Paola Ibarra at 882-5143 or send her an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu.

UT System

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administration.

The freeze is to be effective immediately and will last until August 2010.

García said she understands the chancellor's recommendations.

"I think these are difficult times for people, for the state of Texas and our country," she said last Wednesday by telephone from Austin, where she was attending the board of regents meeting. "We all have to do what we have to do to help bring our economy back on its feet, and this is one very small way of making a contribution to helping."

Currently, García's base salary is \$297,725. She receives an additional \$2,160 in longevity pay, for a total of \$299,885. Her salary also includes \$25,000 of deferred compensation.

García hopes the freeze will help universities in the long run.

"We hope that by doing something like this ahead of the curve, we preclude having to do more later on," she said. "We've been through difficult cycles before and somehow we've survived them. We get a bit calloused in the process, but we also learn a great deal from the process. So we will be students, too, trying to figure out how to do this in the most effective way for our students."

So far, the freeze has affected only UT System executives and the 15 presidents.

There has been no word on whether the freeze will extend to staff and faculty of the various institutions.

"We have some numbers put together for what that would look like, but we're not going to go there," García said. "We're going to try and do it every other way. The salary increases that we

give are so minimal every year, I mean they are always like 2 percent or 3 percent ... so we're hoping not to have to go to that next step if we don't have to."

She believes that with the current economy, this freeze will last the rest of this year and for 2010.

"Things could turn around," García said. "The economic stimulus package that [President Barack Obama] is putting together could change things dramatically to the positive. At least what we know ... it will try to keep things from getting worse. When you don't know what your future is going to look like, you batten down the hatches, you save your money, you cost contain, you hold tight during the storm that we're going through. So we'll do that and hope for the best."

Cigarroa also announced a systemwide flexible hiring freeze for non-faculty positions.

Investment returns down

The economy has also taken a toll on UTB/TSC's endowment investments, which have declined 23 percent in market value.

"[The decline began] since the start of the year and really about the time that the market started going up and down starting in September of '08," said Rosemary Martinez, vice president for Business Affairs. "That 23 percent decline was market gains that we had had in previous years, so basically, everything we had gained from holding on to the investments in previous years we lost."

In fiscal year 2008, the university had \$156 million in revenues, with \$49.5 million from state appropriations, \$27.6 million from tuition and fees, and \$4.6 million from university investments.

Martinez explained that the

university will not realize the loss fully because the market is continually shifting.

"Just because you've had a decline in the market value, it doesn't mean you have actually realized those losses," she said. "As long as you hold on to your investment, there is always that hope that the market value will go back up."

"It's been known to go up after big declines in the market. It happened in 2002. The market was down, and before then, before this last decline, the market had actually increased. So if you hang on to your investments it could be that a year from now, two years from now, three years from now, the market will go back up and those losses will go away."

Even though UTB/TSC investments have gone through declines before, they have never gone below book value until December 2008.

"The decline in the book value for December was down 3.1 percent," Martinez said.

To better understand how the decline in market value is different from the decline in book value, she explained investments in an analogy.

"Let's say you invest \$100 ... and all of a sudden that \$100 turns into \$150, so ... you hang on to it," Martinez said. "Then the market starts to go back down and now you're at \$125 and you think, 'well, I only have \$100 into this, so the fact that it is now worth \$125 is not as good as when it was worth \$150, but I still have my 100 bucks."

"In December, that \$100 bucks went to \$90. So now ... my initial investment is worth less than I actually had in it."

UT-Brownsville and other University of Texas System schools invest their money through the University of Texas

Investment Management Corp. (UTIMCO).

"UT-Brownsville's endowment is invested in our long-term endowment pool," said Gary Hill, a certified public accountant and manager of Investment Reporting with UTIMCO. "UT-Brownsville's investments have declined just like all the other [UT System] institutions. ... They're all invested in the same place. They're [all] invested in our long-term endowment pool and ... they all share the losses equally."

According to UTIMCO's Performance Summary for fiscal year 2008, the net asset value for the total endowment funds is \$13.8 billion, including the long-term fund that holds all of the UT institutions' endowment funds, which was recorded at \$4.14 billion.

Associate Business Administration Professor Gaurango Banerjee helped explain a bit more on how UTIMCO determines the net asset value for its funds.

"The net asset value that they have in millions, that is basically the net market value of [the] mutual fund," Banerjee said. "So, basically, the way they [determine the net asset value] is [they take the] assets [and] minus the liabilities of [the] fund to get the net asset value."

The performance summary also provides the return rate for the last six months before Dec. 31, 2008, in which the long-term endowment fund had a total loss of 25.76 percent.

Banerjee explained that the endowment money that goes into these funds is invested by fund managers into different shares and stocks.

"So if the market does well, then the market value will go up [and] the net asset value will go

up," he said. "But if the market value goes down, then the net asset value ... will go down. That's why you see the last few months in the last year [go down] because the market went down [and] the fund value went down."

UT-Brownsville also invests its endowment funds in both short and intermediate funds with UTIMCO.

"These are different mutual funds they are investing in," Banerjee said. "The short-term fund is the amount they've invested in 90-day Treasury bills, and intermediate funds are more than a one-year security investment."

Martinez explained further the difference between the two funds.

"Short-term means that those are pretty liquid investments," she said. "A short-term fund would be anything less than a year. Anything that is a longer term is an intermediate fund. The term we use is that the short-term fund is more 'liquid' and it just means that we are able to access the money faster."

Limited endowments can affect a university's ability to provide scholarships for students.

"Nationwide, everybody is worried about the endowments because the endowments are what allow universities, especially the private ones, to provide student aid," Martinez said. "We look at the market every day ... and we are just ... hoping that ... at some point the market will begin to rebound a little bit and those values will start to creep [up]. 'We aren't going to be in the same place we were before all of this in one year. It will take several years, and, hopefully, our investments are in stock that will rebound and that's what we are hoping for and keeping an eye on.'"

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Student Soapbox

Which movie do you think should receive an Oscar for "Best Picture"? Why?



"'Pineapple Express,' because I think it's a very funny movie, and I like funny movies."
Oscar Zertuche
Sophomore biology major

"'El curioso caso de Benjamin Button,' por que enseña un muy bonito mensaje de vida".

Sigrid Razo
Estudiante de química de segundo año



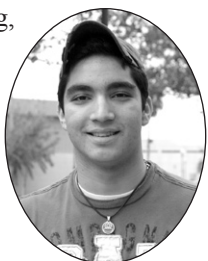
"La de 'Batman'. Está muy buena; tiene unos efectos muy padres y es una trama muy interesante en toda la película".



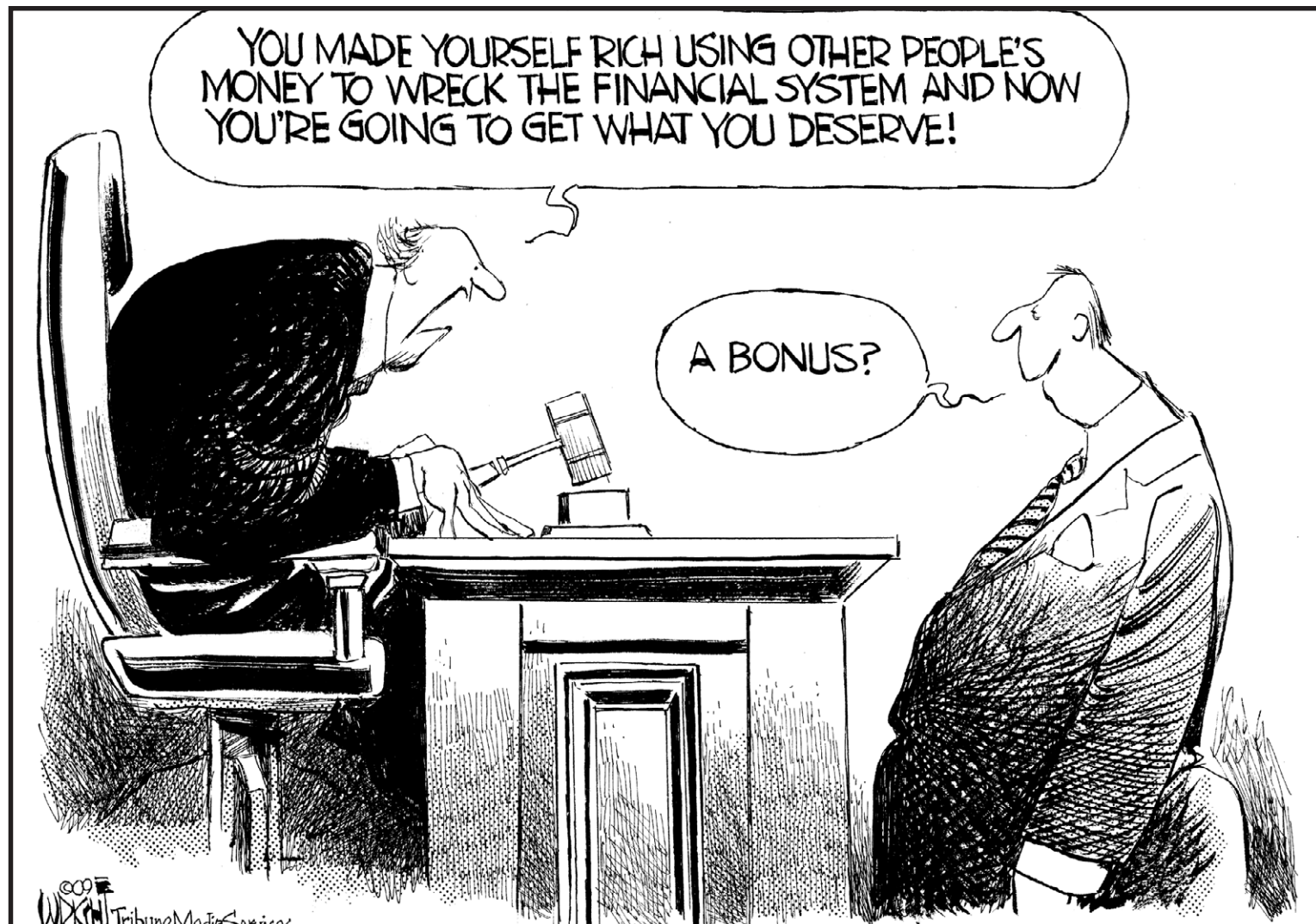
Samantha Acosta
Estudiante de educación de primer año

"I think Brad Pitt's 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,' because I really like the story. It's kind of weird, but at the same time it's really touching, and I think that was one of the best movies, and the way he acts is unbelievable."

Francisco Cuevas
Freshman criminal justice major



--Compiled by Valeria A. Sosa
--Photos by Diego Lerma



President's Corner

This day has been one of my busiest since accepting the responsibility of president and I am now at home, exhausted and not wanting to do much except lie here on this couch.



Coming up in years, or being a "non-traditional student," takes its toll on the huge outer shell that enslaves who I really am.

Upon becoming president, I have been mocked and criticized by many who know little or nothing about me. I am not here to lash out at them for judging without even knowing me. I hate labels; we all do.

[An SGA] senator who uses a wheelchair has been dealing with issues that are of concern to individuals with disabilities throughout campus. When I see this man I don't see an electrical chair that moves him, I see the fire of conformity that spurs the want and desire to be a part of. I raised my voice at him today because I don't want him to get caught up in only tackling issues that everyone expects only a handicapped individual to be taking upon. I want him to oversee other issues and concerns of fellow students, both chaired and of walking ability.

I see students around campus who are involved in same-sex relationships. This is made clear by the PDA (public display of affection) they chose to openly express around campus. It is my opinion that PDA, no matter what sexual orientation, has its place and I believe [it is] not appropriate outside the confines of intimacy. We are creatures of relationship. Some have found emotional unity with individuals

of the same sex; others chose to seek after members of the opposite sex. These relationships, whatever they may be, are the choice of individuals that are part of our university. To think that all of our friends and acquaintances are of the same sexual preference as us is naïve. Even if I don't like the color they paint their hair, please don't label them. Their partners do not define their true passion.

I don't know if you noticed, but I have a little weight problem. Being overweight does limit one to certain constraints not only in society, but even here on campus. During my German class, I sit in one of the student desks [because] there is no handicapped table in the classroom. I can't even begin to imagine how funny that looks, probably like a Weeble in an inflatable tube. I don't sit at the desk, I wear the desk. During speech class, I get to use the handicapped table even though I block the entrance for fellow classmates who arrive late to class. I use the elevator at times [in the] Student Union because the stairs are bringing me that much closer to my next heart attack.

I will not make an excuse for being overweight, yet it is part of who I am. This does not diminish the love and passion I have for my friends at SGA and UTB/TSC as a whole. My outward shell does not define my resolve.

Tonight I was labeled an oldie and told that the representative of the student body should be young, thin and good-looking, which of these three, I am none. I was shocked and bewildered because these individuals are university students. I used to think that university life was one free of discrimination, where students unite as one to fight against labeling of any form or fashion. My greatest friend wears a

shirt that declares, "The Hippies Were Right," and we comment on the Beatles song, "All You Need Is Love" and ask ourselves, could a generation that was condemned for its liberalism and labeled everything from traitor, communist, lowlife and ironically "[un-] American," have been so right?

I have faith in the Creator and believe that he has placed each of us in our casings, no matter if fat or thin, white or black, handicapped or handicap-able, straight or gay, young or old, for a reason and a purpose. God has blessed me by bringing me together with some of the most powerful individuals that UTB/TSC has ever known and who serve in [the] SGA. I don't see them as anything else but Scorpions who have been called to serve. May we grow closer in fighting for the rights and privileges of freedom and equality. If dedication, service, leadership, love are definitions of "non-traditional student," then may we all continue to be "non-traditional." No more labeling at UTB/TSC. We are Scorpions. We are one. God bless UTB/TSC.

J.E. Castro Dragustinovis
SGA President

Letters To the Editor

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Breast and pelvic exams

MyStudentHealthZone.com
(MCT)

Because annual “gyn” exams are important for women’s health, you should rise above any embarrassment or hesitation and get this essential--and brief--exam.

A pelvic exam and a breast exam are important for women for a number of reasons, including:

--As a routine check, not only to uncover any problems with the reproductive system or breasts, but to check general health

--To prevent pregnancy or infection in sexually active women, who should be screened for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), discuss birth control options, and have a pelvic exam at least annually

--To deal with a problem, such as menstrual bleeding problems, missed periods, pain and signs of infection.

Choosing the right doctor

Different kinds of doctors and nurses have special training in women’s reproductive health, including gynecologists, nurse practitioners and many family doctors.

Whether you want to see a male or female health care professional is up to you. The most important thing is to feel comfortable enough to talk about important personal health and relationship issues, including birth control.

You don’t need to do anything special before going for your exam. Try to schedule it for a time when you won’t have your period (having an exam during your period can make it difficult to get a proper Pap smear), and don’t have sex in the 24 hours before the exam.

When you first go into the exam room, the nurse or medical

Women's Health

Getting to know your breasts


Becoming familiar with how the breasts look and feel can help detect changes over time and catch breast cancer early. Women should perform a breast self-exam at the same time each month.

Feel breast tissue

- Raise one arm; use finger pads to slowly feel breast, underarm, upper chest; use one of these patterns


Lines

Start at underarm; go up, down to cover whole breast




Wedges

Move toward nipple, back to edge; one small wedge at a time



Circles

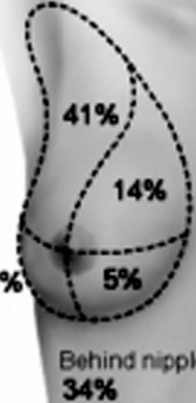
Move toward nipple in a concentric



In front of mirror

- Look for skin puckering, scaliness, change in nipple
- Clasp hands behind head, press hands forward; check for change in breast shape
- Gently squeeze nipple to look for discharge
- Feel both breasts standing up and lying down

Where breast cancer is found



41% Above
14% Side
8% Below
5% Behind
34% Behind nipple

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Source: Planned Parenthood Federation (U.S.), Imaginis
Graphic: Judy Treble, Lee Hubert

assistant will leave you a paper sheet or gown to cover you. Most doctors and nurses won’t mind if you keep your socks on.

After a few minutes, the doctor (or nurse practitioner) will knock on the door to make sure you’re in your gown, then will come in and start the exam.

Now is also the time to ask about birth control or sexuality if you need to.

Breast exam

During the physical part of the gynecologic exam, you’ll be

asked to lie on your back on the table. You’ll have the paper sheet or gown covering you, and the doctor will only uncover the parts of your body being examined.

The doctor will give you a breast exam by lightly pressing on different parts of your breasts. After finishing, he or she may show you how to examine your own breasts. This helps you become familiar with how your breasts feel so you know which lumps are normal and which may be the result of a change.

Pelvic exam

Next, the doctor or nurse practitioner will ask you to move down so your behind is at the end of the table. You’ll bend your knees and rest your feet in two stirrups. The doctor will ask you to relax your knees out to the sides as far as they will go. It might feel a little funny to be lying with your legs opened like this, but everyone feels that way at first.

The doctor will put on gloves and examine the outside of your vagina to make sure that there are no sores or swelling and that everything looks OK on the outside.

Next, the doctor or nurse practitioner will want to look at the inside of your vagina and will do so with the help of a speculum, a thin piece of plastic or metal with a hinged piece on one end that allows it to open and close. The doctor or nurse will warm the speculum with water, then slide it into your vagina.

Once the speculum is in the vagina, it can be opened to allow the doctor to see inside. Putting in and opening the speculum should not be painful, although it can cause a bit of pressure and discomfort. The exam can be more comfortable if you try to stay calm and relax the muscles in that area.

After the speculum is in place, the doctor will shine a light inside the vagina to look for anything unusual (like redness, swelling, discharge, or sores), then will do a Pap smear, which involves touching the cervix to pick up cells. It shouldn’t hurt, but might be uncomfortable, especially if this is your first pelvic exam.

The cells that have been collected are sent to a laboratory where they are studied for any abnormal cells, which might in-

dicate infection or warning signs of cervical cancer.

The doctor or nurse practitioner may test for STDs by swabbing the inside of the cervix. The sample is sent out to a laboratory, where it is tested for various STDs.

Talk to your doctor or a nurse about how you want to be contacted with results, and what they should do if they are unable to reach you.

Because the ovaries and uterus are so far inside the body that they can’t be seen at all, even with the speculum, the doctor will need to feel them to be sure they’re healthy. While your feet are still in the stirrups, and after the speculum is removed from the vagina, the doctor will put lubricant on two fingers (while still wearing the gloves) and slide them inside your vagina. Using the other hand, he or she will press on the outside of your lower abdomen. With two hands, one on the outside and one on the inside, the doctor can make sure that the ovaries and uterus are the right size and free of cysts or other growths.

After the exam

The entire pelvic exam only takes about three to five minutes. Afterward, if you haven’t discussed your questions before the exam, now is the time.

The Pap smear is almost always normal in young women. But if for any reason the doctor or nurse practitioner needs to see you again, the office or clinic will let you know. Unless you notice any health problems, you won’t need to go for an exam for another six months to a year.

Health information provided by MyStudentHealthZone.com and the health experts of Nemours.

Clean out your medicine cabinet

By Daniel Vasquez
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
(MCT)

I’ve heard a lot of New Year’s resolutions, but few as sensible and simple as clean out your medicine cabinet.

Doing so helps protect your health and your family’s, says the American College of Emergency

Physicians.

Here’s why: Medicine cabinet supplies tend to pile up, and often those medications expire and are not recommended for use any longer. Doctors suggest cleaning out these cabinets once a year.

Another hint: Don’t store prescription drugs in your bathroom cabinet. A year’s worth

of showers and baths create heat and humidity that cause some drugs to lose potency. That means when you use them, they may not be in the correct dosage.

The more old pill boxes and containers you have lying around, the more likely you’ll take the wrong one. Growing up with older relatives, I’ve

seen how confusion over what to take could quickly become dangerous.

Also, medicines stored in the bathroom provide easy access to curious children. Keeping them out of sight in a linen closet is a good idea. Each year poison centers report thousands of very young children accidentally ingesting medications prescribed

to adults in their households.

Do yourself a favor, clean out the cabinet. And if you have older parents or relatives in your life, pop over their home and help with the New Year’s medicine cabinet cleaning.

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Fence

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don't want a fence. ...We want alternatives to this fence and we want our projects to continue for the future growth."

He said the city is concerned with losing the land permanently because it might affect future projects that are already "in the books."

"Our initial conversation with them last week was the idea that they would build a fence with the provision within the contracts where we could go and remove the fence once we started our projects," Cabler said.

He said the scheduled meeting with DHS officials is tentative, but is expected to take place in two weeks.

Mayor Pat Ahumada said the decision to table the item was a great opportunity to buy time.

"The additional time affords us to continue to work with Mexico to come to an agreement to allow us to build the weir project, which will supply us with water 'til 2050," Ahumada told The Collegian after he briefly left the hearing.

He said the weir project could serve as a "virtual wall."

"It's going to raise our level from 12 feet above level to 26 feet above sea level, widen the river and back it up for 42 miles so that would take the place of a physical wall," Ahumada said. "It would also allow us to develop the river into a binational riverwalk on both sides of the river, similar to San Antonio."

He said the project would run from the Veterans Memorial Bridge at Los Tomates past the B&M Bridge.

The mayor said the agreement for a temporary wall is a "bad deal."

"[The city commissioners]



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Residents opposed to the border fence attend Thursday night's public hearing at City Hall.

were determined to consummate this bad deal that was going to cost us just about \$200 million to replace the temporary wall," Ahumada said. "So you're looking at about \$200 million that the city cannot afford with this deal that we are trying to get passed through. We can't even afford to patch up potholes, much less spend for relocating a temporary wall."

During the meeting, all six commissioners expressed their opposition to the border wall and said the mayor is misrepresenting the commission.

"Sadly, it is true that the mayor does go and make comments to the media and tries to speak on our behalf and tell the public, for whatever political reasons, or

whatever you're doing, Mayor, but it's just wrong," said District 3 Commissioner Carlos Cascos.

District 1 Commissioner Ricardo Longoria also stressed the importance of having a united representation.

"When meetings occur in Washington, in Austin, in Mexico City and you as a mayor of the city go and speak in representation of this city [commission], there is an obvious violation because this committee, this commission has not agreed," Longoria said. "It has not given the authority to go and speak on its behalf. We need to go, we need to post legally and go as a united division."

Speaking before the commission were many concerned citizens and property

owners. Among them was Student Government Association President Erasmo Castro.

Castro said he attended the meeting because he wanted to be informed and voice his concern.

"There should be open discussion with the federal government in order for us to obtain that which is a greater benefit for the citizens of Brownsville," he said.

He said city commissioners should follow the lead of UTB/TSC and President Juliet V. Garcia, citing their success in the legal battle against Homeland Security's effort to divide the campus with the border fence.

"Why can't our city commissioners do the same?" he told The Collegian. "We want them to work together, we want them united, we want them to really be out there for our needs, for our children's needs and for the people that we all represent."



District 4 City Commissioner Edward Camarillo discusses the border fence issue. Also shown are Commissioners Ricardo Longoria (left) and Carlos Cisneros.

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Most construction projects on time

By Cynthia Hernandez
Staff Writer

The Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center is on its way to completion and will include three basketball courts, a swimming pool, two racquetball courts, an indoor jogging/running track, weightlifting equipment and many other amenities.

Doug Jowell, project manager for J.E. Dunn Construction, informed The Collegian during an

ship Affairs. "The classrooms are beautiful."

Every detail in this \$17 million renovation has been designed to architecturally link ITECC to the main campus.

"It has the same sense and it kind of echoes the character of the main campus, which is what we really want because it is a part of our campus," Pearson said.

He explained that having a shuttle to transport students from the main campus to the ITECC

mer.

"The exteriors are done," Pearson said. "The roofs are up, as you can see."

He said four *casitas* are being built, which is where the children will be. Each one of the *casitas* consists of two classrooms and is being built with "tremendously good insulated capacities." This will cut the energy consumption between 30 percent and 40 percent.

Infants will be cared for at the existing Guerra Early Childhood Center, located next to Cardenas Hall North. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 will be moving into the new facility, Pearson said.

The two classroom buildings and new library being constructed next to the Education and Business Complex are still within the original budgets, which are \$10.7 million and \$14.4 million, respectively. These bond projects are scheduled to be completed on time as well.

"The substantial completion will take place either very late spring or early summer," Pearson said. "They'll be open for business in the fall."

He said murals will be painted inside the buildings by a Mexican painter.

"The story that the mural tells is of the written word across the history of humankind," he said. "It's a visual treat."

The classroom building will include extra-large classrooms, seating 130 students; large classrooms, seating 90; and medium-size classrooms, seating 50.

"It's going to be general purpose," Pearson said of the building. "One thing is to be able to have some of the large introductory classes, which we have trouble accommodating on campus."

The Arts Center is the only construction project on campus that is not within the original budget of \$20 million. It has increased to a little over \$26 million. A campaign has begun to raise funds to accommodate the new budget. Between \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million have been raised, so far.

"Our TSC board of trustees took a large leap of faith," Pearson said. "We're increasing the cost in the order of 1 percent per month. We didn't want to impact teaching spaces ... [or] the quality of the aesthetics of the culture. We decided we didn't want just a standard academic building or an



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Arts Center interior

academic music building, we also wanted a building able to serve the community in terms of performance, able to elevate us to the level that most campuses are."

Expectations are high for the building.

"The facility's going to happen," Pearson said. "We're not

es Building, where intramural flag football games are now played. It will consist of two buildings divided by a courtyard.

"We're still doing a little work in regards to what the courtyard is going to look like," Pearson said.

The total cost of this project is \$33.8 million, which is being fi-



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REK Center Interior

exclusive tour of the facility that between 80 and 140 workers have been taking part in the construction of the project, which will open at the end of Spring Break after a seven-month delay.

UTB/TSC administrators say other construction projects on campus are on time and have not suffered from any delays, so far.

The newly renovated International Technology, Education and Commerce Center opened earlier this semester and houses about 12

Center, about two miles away, has been considered, but the plans are still up in the air.

"We might not quite be there all the way, but as the institution evolves, I think inevitably we will reach a point in which we will have that kind of system," he said. "The answer is yes, we're going to have it ... probably not this year."

The \$5 million Center for Early Childhood Studies, located on University Boulevard across from The Village at Fort Brown, is on



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Early Childhood Development Center

new classrooms.

"We have extra-large classrooms," said David Pearson, UTB/TSC's vice president for Partner-

the verge of completion and will be ready for use next fall semester. Pearson said plans call for moving staff and equipment by the sum-



JOSE L. PADILLA/COLLEGIAN

New Library

going to stop halfway."

Although the budget has increased, the project continues to be on time and will hopefully be completed by the end of the year.

The Science and Technology Learning Center is in the end of the planning, programming and design stages and is expected to be completed by 2011.

"We haven't broken ground yet," Pearson said. "We have the designs in hand for the building."

Pearson said UTB/TSC is hoping to break ground within the next five or six months.

The Science and Technology Learning Center will be located next to the Life and Health Scienc-

nanced by tuition revenue bonds approved by the Texas Legislature. This will be the fourth building on campus financed through the UT System. The other buildings include the Science and Engineering Technology Building, the Life and Health Sciences Building and the Education and Business Complex.

The rest of the current construction projects are being financed through the \$68 million bond issue approved by TSC District voters in November 2004. The cost of the REK Center is split by the bond issue and a fee students approved in March 2004.

What's your color?

By Christine Cavazos

Staff Writer

Green ruled Thursday night as more than 200 students turned out for Stop'n'Go, the annual event for those who are single, dating or taken.

About 30 students signed up for speed dating, a game that allowed them to go on a series of dates for five minutes each.

"It was fun. ... There was one guy [that I liked], but the rest just as friends," said Alyssa Hernandez, a freshman biology major who took part in the game.

Stephanie Avila, a freshman nursing major who is single, agreed.

"It's a lot of fun and a great place to hang out with people," Avila said about the event held in the Student Union's Gran Salon.

If you were single, you wore green; if you were dating, you wore yellow; and if you were in a relationship, red was your color.

Most people were wearing green leis, but a few wore red, such as Nicole Noyola and James Villarreal, who have been dating for more than a year.

"It's really fun, it's crazy and it's a good environment where people can meet other people and have fun," Noyola said.

Some went as far as getting "married," with the ceremonies performed by Arthur Gonzalez, a senior biology major.

Three couples said their vows, including Jorge and Ericka Muñoz, who are really married.

Students could play board games, such as Twister, or make Valentine cards for their friends and loved ones with supplies provided at each table. They were served burgers, chips and tea.

Ten gift cards of \$30 each were awarded as prize drawings to students.

Nelly Estrada, Citlalic Laguna and Jose J. Vera, all members of the Circle K International student organization, sold Valentine's Day gifts such as candy and teddy bears.

Estrada said Circle K is raising funds for Matamoros' Esperanza Viva Orphanage.

The Student Government Association and the Leadership and Mentorship Program hosted the event.



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Sophomore special education major Erica Muñoz hands out tickets for food and prize drawings to freshman nursing major Stephanie Avila during the third annual Stop'n'Go event, held Thursday night in the Student Union's Gran Salon.



Junior biology major Yahaira Reyes interviews senior international business and computer science major Luis Otero as they participate in the speed dating portion of the event.



Sophomore engineering technology major Chris Martinez and sophomore early childhood education major Tanya Maldonado enjoy a game of Rock'em Sock'em Robots.

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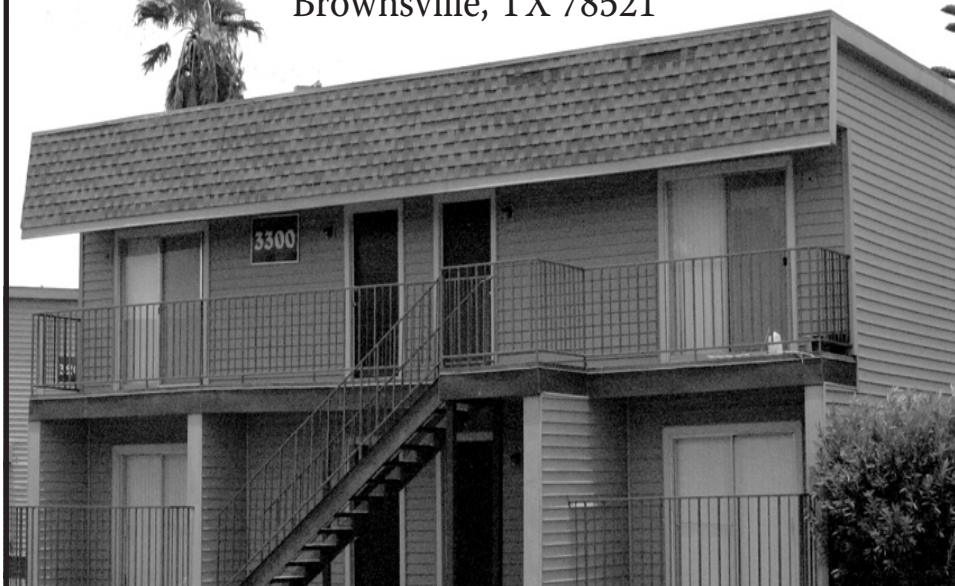
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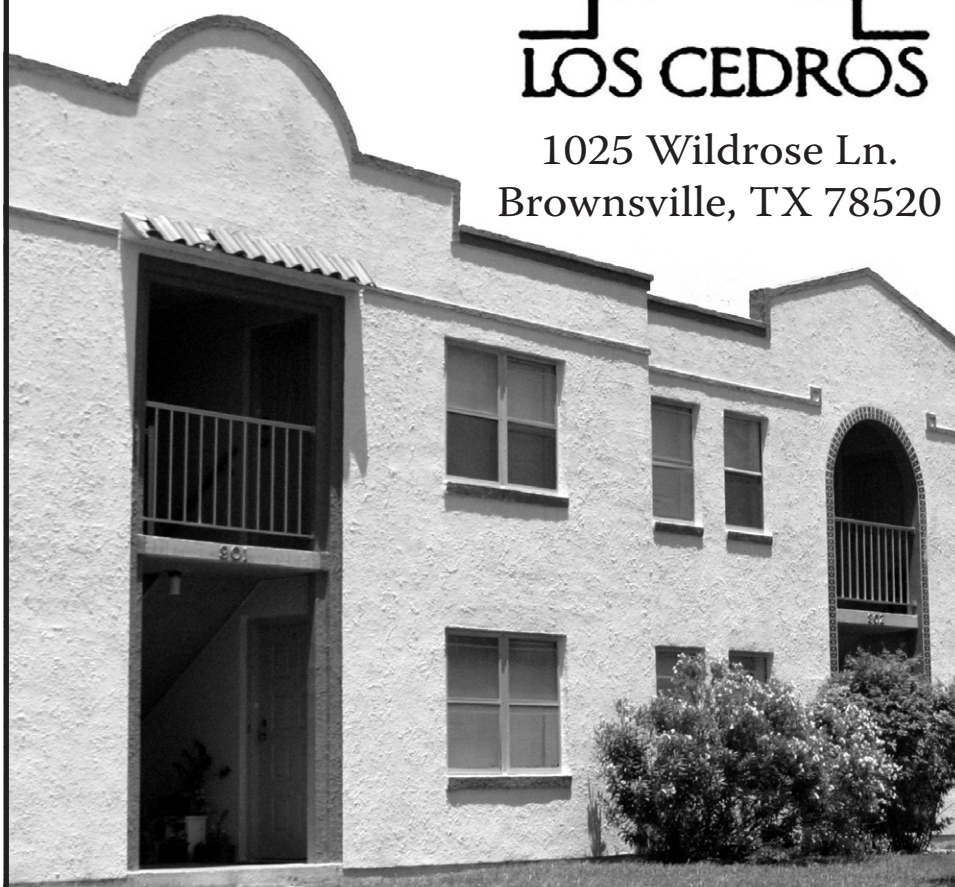
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Professor to present 'rosary' of poetry

By Graciela L. Salazar
Spanish Editor

Juan Antonio Gonzalez, a professor in the Modern Languages Department, shares his experiences in the poetry book, *"Itinerancias."*

"[The book comprises] 68 pieces that were collected over 15 years," said Gonzalez, a native of Matamoros, Mexico. "They are the depiction of different situations in life, where the crossroads allow you to stop and ask yourself if you choose the path or not, and then affirm it with a narration, or a poem in this case."

For the professor who has taught at UTB/TSC since 1980, *"Itinerancias"* is a life project. The book is composed of pieces in Spanish and English.

"It's a way to share an itinerary, an agenda of actions and situations that have prevailed throughout the years, and that in one way or another, as a writer you want to leave for posterity," Gonzalez said. "This is the rosary of poetry that you say as a writer."

Life is his inspiration.

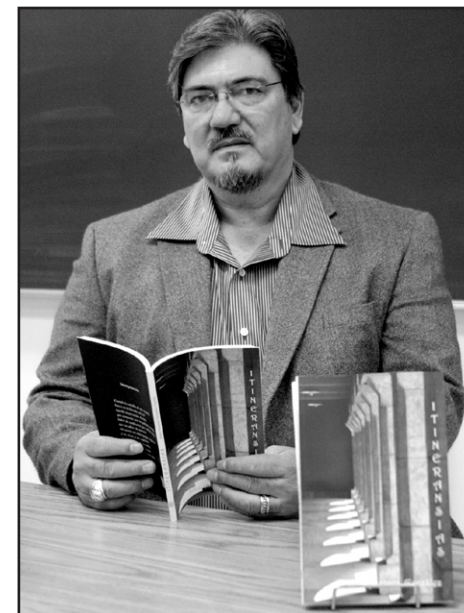
"Any subject is a creative piece ... what surfaces in front of my eyes, my profession, my relationships with my co-workers, with my students, family relationships, everything," Gonzalez said.

He is very satisfied with the results.

"I think if I wouldn't have written it, it would have stayed in the inkwell, the idea that some things will not stay for posterity," Gonzalez said. "It's a faithful portrayal of our passage through time, and from that point of view, I think that maybe for family and some friends, it will be a tour of the occurrences of my life."

Cipriano Cárdenas, an associate professor and chair of the Modern Languages Department, said Gonzalez has encouraged a lot of students to write.

"Students are very fond of him,"



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Juan Antonio Gonzalez

Cárdenas said. "He is a model for [them]."

Ramiro Rodriguez, a part-time professor in the department, has known Gonzalez for 12 years.

"The book, which gathers his early works, shows a very meticulous Juan Antonio Gonzalez, based on styles of and influenced by modern writers, but I think he has his own voice, his own style, his way of expressing ideas, of writing," Rodriguez said.

Gonzalez has been editor in chief of *"El Novosantanderino,"* which is published annually, and the student magazine *"De Puño y Letra"* since 1997.

"Itinerancias" will be presented at 6 p.m. Feb. 26 in the SET-B third-floor conference room.

The event is sponsored by the student organization *Café Literario* and the *Ateneo Literario Jose Arrese* of Matamoros.

The book will be on sale at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. For more information, call the Modern Languages Department at 882-8246.

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Another SGA VP appointed

By Cynthia Hernandez
and Christine Cavazos
Staff Writers

A version of musical chairs continues in the Student Government Association, with more appointees and resignations.

With one year of previous experience under his belt, Daniel Caballero was sworn in Feb. 5 as the new vice president of administration.

Caballero previously served as a freshman senator in the SGA during the Fall 2007 semester and as senator pro tem during the Spring 2008 semester.

"What makes this semester so important to you that makes you want to join us at this time?" Freshman Senator Jorge Muñoz asked.

Caballero replied, "I wanted to join SGA this semester because it came to my attention that most of the management was new and they were in trouble. I want to help them. I want to give them my expertise on the knowledge that I have from previous semes-



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Vice President of Policy and Procedure Robert Paredes (right) hands the gavel to newly appointed Vice President of Administration Daniel Caballero during the Feb. 5 Student Government Association meeting.

ters."

SGA President Erasmo Castro, who nominated Caballero, defended the appointment.

"It is not a decision that comes easy because it is a very important

position," Castro said. "It was not made by any past relationship because I have never ever met Daniel before."

The position became vacant on Jan. 29 when Sarai Barrera resigned.

Two other students have resigned from the SGA.

At Tuesday's meeting, Castro announced that Senator Pro Tem David Smith had resigned. Smith was replaced by Muñoz.

Senator at Large Jonathan Jones also resigned, but Castro explained that Jones wants to remain in the organization.

"He has expressed his desire to be part of the Student Supreme Court," Castro said. "I will appoint him as [a] justice [in the] Supreme Court."

Jones was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Three members of the senate were appointed to the executive board. Jose Arturo Guerra, previously senator at large and historian, was appointed vice president of finance and accounting; Angel Zubieta, previously sena-

tor for the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology, is now vice president of historical archives; and Nathaniel Garcia, previously a freshman senator, was named vice president of public relations.

Three new members were sworn in to the senate: Michael Orbin, as a senator at large; Gustavo Garza, senator for the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology; and Victoria Saenz, senator for the School of Business.

In other business, the senate:

--presented Mayra Cardenas, a senior accounting major, as the association's new clerk.

During the Jan. 29 meeting the senate allocated \$1,380 to hire a clerk for 15 weeks to provide administrative support.

"As you guys grow and develop and your projects and initiatives get bigger and bigger, it becomes more important to be organized and professionally that staff support increases, so this is the first step to the next level of SGA," adviser Sergio Martinez said.

--approved Resolution 21, which encumbers \$250 to decorate a golf cart for the senate's participation in the Mr. Amigo Golf Cart Parade.

--approved Resolution 20, which allocates \$850 for three cash prizes to be awarded to student organizations with the most participation at the first annual Day of Campus Service.

--approved Resolution 22, which allocates \$500 for a plaque titled the Outstanding Scorpion Service Award to recognize UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia for her leadership in the agreement made with the Department of Homeland Security in the border wall case.

--approved Resolution 23 to recognize each year a student who has demonstrated outstanding service with the "Dr. Juliet Garcia Outstanding Service Award."

The SGA will next meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia.

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Library users feeling the space squeeze

By David Boon
Staff Writer

The Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library operates above what is considered “crowded” capacity, and students are feeling the crunch.

“It’s a big library, but compared to all the students at UTB, I think it’s too small,” said sophomore history major Ana Chavez.

Over the last five years, student study space in the library has been partly replaced by books in stacks or in boxes.

One of the biggest factors in this space crunch has been the expansion of the variety of classes open for students. Graduate degrees require the library holdings to expand dramatically due to the variety of textbooks used, said Dean of Instructional Support Douglas Ferrier.

“We’ve been running out of space in this building for the last four or five years,” Ferrier said. “It’s unfortunate, but you have to remember that this building was designed for a school about a third of the size of this one.”



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Junior emergency medical science major Reymundo Sanchez studies Wednesday among the boxes filled with books that were given to the university’s Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library by the University of Texas at Dallas.

From 2004 to 2008, UTB/TSC received a gift of 100,000 books from the University of Texas at Dallas. The books are all of UT-Dallas’ second copies. Due to lack of space, they now reside in the south side of the library’s second floor, where previously there had been study carrels.

“At this point, I’m sure we’ve processed close to probably 50,000 volumes,” Ferrier said. “Each box has to be opened, the items taken out compared against

our catalog to see if it’s a duplicate or not, and if it’s not a duplicate, a decision has to be made on whether we want to add it, and if we do add it, there’s a process it has to go through to be added. ... In addition to that, we are still acquiring new material that comes in every day, and that’s given preference over a gift book.”

The 100,000-square-foot library is operating at close to 90 percent capacity, Ferrier said. Eighty percent is considered “crowded,” and

it is preferred to operate the library between 70 percent and 80 percent. However, a new library on the east end of campus is nearing completion, and should be open for use in the fall.

“I think it’s going to be good, especially if there’s going to be more ... study rooms,” said sophomore art education major Karina Balli. “I’ve found really good spots [at Oliveira Library], like quiet places, except sometimes [they’re] taken over ... and I can’t find any quiet space.”

The new \$14.4 million library is under construction next to the Education and Business Complex, and is funded by a \$68 million bond issue approved by TSC District voters in November 2004. It will be adjacent to two new classroom buildings, which are also funded through the bond issue.

The opening of the new library will spur a reorganization of the Oliveira Library. Students will still be able to access its computer labs, but the books remaining in the library will be closed for general use. In addition, Oliveira Library will undergo a \$2 million

renovation.

“We’ll have more study rooms in the new building, which, by the way, will be completed in May,” Ferrier said. “The material that will be left in this building will be put in a closed stack. It will not be open to the public. ... We simply don’t have enough manpower to run two separate libraries.”

Students who want to access the closed stack material will have to go through a short request process.

“It’s not like it won’t be accessible, but you won’t be able to go to the shelf and pull it yourself,” Ferrier said.

In the meantime, students will have to make do with the study space available.

“To be honest, I always found a spot to study,” said part-time library clerk José R. Maldonado, who graduated from UTB/TSC in December. “The computer labs, they were always crowded, I guess because of the high demand of the people who use the computers. ... It was difficult to get a study room or to get a computer.”

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Women's golf heads to Hill Country

By **Hugo E. Rodriguez**
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC golf teams teed off to a successful start with first- and third-place finishes at the Dustdevil Open, hosted by Texas A&M International University in Laredo, and will travel today to Kerrville for the Schreiner University Invitational.

"We always go into a tournament thinking that the team will do well and that a couple of our individual players will do well as far as medalist honors, so I have high expectations," Head Coach Bob Lucio said. "We've talked about that earlier this year, that we want to raise the bar as far as our expectations, and we go into every tournament thinking that we'll do extremely well."

At the Dustdevil Open, the women's team finished first in the competition with a 36-hole total of 709, seven strokes ahead of second-place University of the Incarnate Word.

The men's team finished in third place with a 54-hole total of 918, behind the victorious



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Scorpion golfer Andrea Cadriel practices her swing Thursday at the South Padre Island Golf Club. The UTB/TSC Women's golf team was preparing its skills for today's tournament at the Schreiner University Invitational in Kerrville.

Abilene Christian University and second-place Colorado School of Mines.

Senior April Martinez garnered medalist honors at the tournament by finishing with a 159.

"I did pretty good, I played well," Martinez said. "My score didn't show it, but it was a pretty tough course off the tee, so we had to place a lot of shots."

She said the triumph was a

team effort.

"It was a really good start," Martinez said. "We kept our momentum from last tournament. ... We won this one as a team, so it gets us going and knowing that hey, we can compete with anybody."

Lucio agreed with Martinez's assessment.

"We saw where we are, we saw things that we needed to improve on," Lucio said. "It was a good beginning for our girls' team, knowing they can go in there and win and compete against some of the [NCAA] Division II and III schools."

However, he still sees some areas the team needs to work on.

"It wasn't exactly what we wanted, as far as our men's team," Lucio said. "We struggled a little bit in the first round of the tournament and it really put us behind so far where we couldn't catch up. We have to be better and getting a better start to every round, and we're going to have to do what it takes to get more focus at the beginning of those rounds."

Athlete of the Week



DIEGO LERMA/COLLEGIAN

Name: Adam Haley

Sport: Golf

Classification: Freshman

Major: Sociology

Hometown: Edinburg

What brought to you to UTB/TSC? "The program and Coach [Bob] Lucio."

Most memorable moment playing a sport: "Qualifying for the Texas State Open."

Most influential people in my life: "My parents."

Career: "Try to turn pro; if not, just go on with my major."

Best friend: "My team."

Favorite band or artist:

"Breaking Benjamin or Red."

Favorite movie quote: "If we win, praise God; if we lose, we still praise God."--From "Facing the Giants"

Word you use the most:

"Dude."

What animal would you like to be and why? "A lion, because he's the king."

Weaknesses: "Afraid to fail."

What is one thing you wish you could change about yourself? "If I could have a more positive attitude."

Burger King or McDonald's? "Burger King."

Pepsi or Coke? "Pepsi."

Spring, summer, fall or winter? "Spring."

Sing or dance? "Dance."

Fast, difficult, or forbidden? "Difficult."

Punk or hip-hop? "Hip-hop."

--Compiled by Hugo E.

Rodriguez

Scorpions to face Northwood in first away series

By **Hugo E. Rodriguez**
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Baseball Team (1-7) will travel this weekend to Cedar Hill to face Northwood University (1-5) for another four-game series.

"Go up there and win, that's our expectation all the time," Head Coach Bryan Aughney said about the series.

Asked if there were improvements to be made, Aughney replied, "We've got to make improvements in every facet of the game, there's always things you can work on, we just gotta go out and keep working on our skills, and keep working to get better."

The Scorpions faced off against the University of Houston-Victoria in a three-game series beginning Friday and ending Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

On Feb. 8, the Scorpions ended a bitter four-game weekend against the No. 5-ranked Lubbock Christian University Chaparrals.

In the last game of the series, the Scorpions came out strong at the bottom of the first inning, with three consecutive singles by center fielder Jorge Camorlinga,

right fielder Peter Maldonado and left fielder Ryan MacDonald. However, despite having bases loaded, the Scorpions could not deliver a run as Chaparral pitcher Jakob Cunningham struck out three Scorpions in a row.

The Scorpions came out defensively in the top of the second, with starting pitcher Zach Moya striking out two of the visitors and the Scorpion infield putting out a pop fly by infielder Rob Learned.

At the bottom of the second, three more Scorpions were put out, two by strikeouts and one by a bunt to third that was quickly caught and fielded to the first baseman for the out.

At the top of the third, infielder Armando Dominguez opened up the score for the Chaparrals with a homer to left field. The Chaps collected three more hits but had no additional runs in the inning.

The Scorpions would remain scoreless at the bottom of third. Seeing a weakened target, the Chaparrals went in for the kill.

At the top of the fourth, infielder Ross Blondin fired off a double that allowed outfielder Will Stramp, who had been walked by Moya when he came at bat, to score the Chaps' second

run. The second run opened the floodgates of destruction for the visitors, as they managed to score four more runs in that inning.

The Scorpions were left reeling from the rally and had their spirit nearly extinguished by the bottom of fourth, with Cunningham leaving the Scorpions runless and hitless in the inning.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Chaparrals would only score one run, by catcher Tyler Johnson off a single to first base by Dominguez.

But the damage had been done, and the Scorpions once again hit the dugout without a score.

At the top of the sixth, Stramp scored another point for the visitors off a double by Blondin. Learned, still mindful of his previous out, let loose another homer for the Chaparrals that also allowed Blondin to reach home. The Scorpions watched helplessly as the ball fell just outside the reach of outfielders.

At the bottom of the sixth, the Scorpions still refused to be shut out at home for the second time that weekend. MacDonald sent the ball sailing into the right field for a triple, then scored as first baseman Jacob Yousif singled to second base.

At the top of the seventh, Learned once again sent a homer to deep left field and allowed catcher Payden Morgan to join him as they tacked on two more runs for a final 15-1 score.

Aughney said the Scorpions have to get into a marathon mode.

"[We've] gotta learn that we gotta make our pitches, gotta learn that we gotta come to the ballpark ready to play every day, and we've got to take advantage of opportunities when they're presented," he said after the game. "The season is a marathon. It's not a sprint, it's a four-game set. We saw some good things, we've got to keep working and get better every day."

MacDonald remains hopeful.

"It's the beginning of the year, and it's hard to come out and play against one of the best teams in the country," MacDonald said. "They got [some] of the best pitching in the nation, we know we can compete and hit with them, and we'll hopefully see them at the national championships."

The Chaparrals routed the Scorpions 11-3 on Feb. 6 and 18-14 and 8-0 on Feb. 7.

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Did you know?

Our athletics program once included football and basketball programs. The football program was dropped in 1950, and the basketball program was scrapped in 1974.

Source: Ronnie Zamora, director of Sports Information, Athletics Development and Marketing.

Student gives tips on balancing family, work and academics

By Leslie Olivares
Staff Writer

For the non-traditional college student, balancing a job, family and schoolwork can bring added stress.

During a Student Success Center workshop for non-traditional students on Thursday, senior accounting and international business major Yuri Soto described how one can succeed despite unfavorable circumstances.

"When I came to school I already had kids, I was married and I had to work in order to support my family," Soto, 25, said of her challenges.

After her husband was in a terrible accident during her second semester of college, she became the sole provider for her household.

"The first personal obstacle was the guilt; you want to succeed in life but also you want to be there for your kids, for your husband, for your family, for your friends," Soto said. "I felt that I was taking away time from my kids and my family in order to continue with my education."



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Senior accounting and international business major Yuri Soto gives advice on how to balance school, work and family during a Student Success Center workshop Thursday in Cardenas Hall North. Also shown is Academic Counselor Bob Phaneuf.

She said she was fortunate to have the support of her husband and children, and knows that some students don't have the support she did, but encourages them to not falter in their paths to achieving their goals.

Soto, a public school dropout at age 13, managed to put herself through school despite growing up in an abusive home.

"Your aunts, your sisters, your parents, you know they're [saying], 'Why are you going to school?'" she said. "What are you going to gain from that? You have all these responsibilities. ... Why do you want to go back and make

it more stressful for yourself?"

In order to keep her priorities in line, she learned to keep three calendars: one for academics, one for work and one for family. Soto became a part of the ASPIRE program, which provides students assistance in academic development and advance-

ment in higher education.

Students who attended the workshop were freshman Eric Hamby, freshman mechanical engineering major Chad Wufland and computer science major Edmundo Arizpe.

Wufland said he attended the workshop to "learn how to get the best of my education and be a better student."

Soto was able to overcome her circumstances, enter the university, maintain an excellent grade-

point average and is now ready for graduation. Her message to fellow students is to not be afraid to ask for help and to not give up on your goals, no matter how hard the situation maybe.

"What I thought is that if I go ahead and ask for help, it's like if I'm failing already," she said. "So, if you need help, go ahead and ask for help. In my case, I tried to be 'Wonder Woman' ... and that was not the case."

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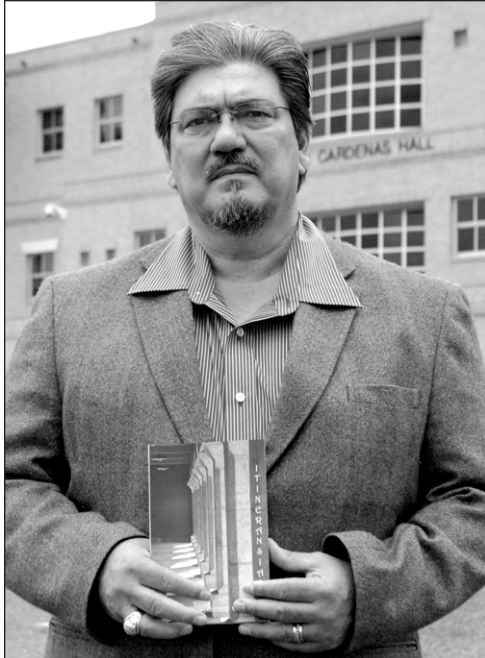
Profesor presenta ‘rosario de cuentas’

Por Graciela L. Salazar

Editora de Español

Juan Antonio González, un profesor del departamento de Lenguas Modernas, comparte sus vivencias con su libro de poesía “Itinerancias”.

“[El libro está compuesto por] 68 obras que fueron recopiladas en el espacio de los últimos 15 años... que fueron el recuento de



Juan Antonio González

diferentes situaciones de la vida donde la encrucijada le permite a uno hacer un alto y preguntarse si escogió uno o no el camino y después lo constata a través de una narración o un poema en este caso”, platicó González, nativo de Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México.

Para el profesor que ejerce la docencia en UTB/TSC desde 1980, “Itinerancias” es un proyecto de vida. El libro cuenta con obras tanto en español como en inglés.

“Es una forma de compartir un itinerario, una agenda de acciones y de situaciones que han prevalecido a través de los años, y que de una u otra manera, uno como escritor pues las va queriendo dejar para la posteridad”, dijo González. “Este es el rosario de cuentas que uno como escritor va realizando”.

La vida es su inspiración para escribir.

“Cualquier tema es sujeto de una obra creativa... lo que emerge ante mis ojos, mi profesión, mi relación con mis compañeros, con mis alumnos, las relaciones familiares, en realidad todo”, comentó González.

Se siente muy satisfecho con los resultados.

“Creo que si no lo hubiera escrito, hubiera quedado en el tintero la idea de que algunas cosas ya no quedarán para la posteridad”, dijo. “Es un fiel retrato del paso de uno por el tiempo, y desde ese punto de vista, creo que a lo mejor para la familia y para alguno que otro amigo será un recorrido de los acontecimientos de la vida de uno”.

Cipriano Cárdenas, profesor y jefe del departamento de Lenguas Modernas, dijo que González ha impulsado a muchos estudiantes a escribir.

“Los estudiantes lo quieren mucho”, dijo Cárdenas. “Es un ejemplo para [ellos]”.

Ramiro Rodríguez, profesor de tiempo parcial del departamento de Lenguas Modernas, conoce desde hace más de 12 años a González.

“Como persona ese señor es un tipazo”, dijo Rodríguez. “El libro que reúne sus primeros textos, muestra a un Juan Antonio González muy meticuloso, muy basado también en estilos, [en] influencias de los escritores modernistas, pero creo que tiene su propia voz, su propio estilo, su propia manera de expresar sus ideas, de hacer sus textos”.

González funge desde 1997 como editor en jefe del anuario de letras creativas “El Novosantanderino” y de la revista estudiantil “De Puño y Letra”.

“Itinerancias” será presentado a las 6 p.m. el 26 de febrero en la sala de conferencias del tercer piso del edificio SET-B.

El evento es organizado por el grupo estudiantil Café Literario y por el Ateneo Literario José Arrese de Matamoros.

El libro estará a la venta en la Librería Barnes & Noble, o para mayores informes llame al Departamento de Lenguas Modernas al 882-8246.

Estudiante de hoy



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

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Edad: 19

Ciudad natal: Brownsville

Promedio: 3.28

Especialidad: Enfermería

Clasificación: Estudiante de segundo año

Pasatiempos: “Leer libros”.

Actividades extracurriculares: “[Fui voluntaria en el] Centro Médico Valley Baptist como enfermera asistente certificada, en *Ebony Lake*, y en *Health Occupation Students of America*”.

¿Cuáles son tus metas? “Graduarme con mi licenciatura en ciencias en enfermería y hacer la solicitud para entrar al programa de maestría de la universidad de Texas en Austin y [solicitar] un [puesto] de investigaciones en el Instituto Nacional de Salud ó los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades”.

¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? “La clase de química orgánica en la Universidad de Texas en Austin”.

¿Si pudieras cambiar algo de la universidad, qué harías? “Que tenga el sistema de A y -A y B y -B. Otras universidades lo tienen y aquí no, y a veces eso ayuda a subir tu GPA”.

¿Quéles aconsejarías a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso? “Que se preparen para estudiar más y administren su tiempo, no [retrasarse]”.

¿Qué consejo les darías a los estudiantes para estudiar antes de un examen? “Que estudien una semana antes del examen, especialmente en las clases de ciencias, hay detalles pequeños que tienes que aprender”.

Anécdota: “Me caí horriblemente el semestre pasado. Estaba húmedo ese día y tenía sandalias puestas y estaba caminando muy rápido y como las sandalias no tienen correa me caí para atrás porque estaba resbaloso el piso en el edificio de ciencias”.

--Recopilado por Paola Ibarra

Simulacro del Regimiento Escorpión



El cadete David Gómez es rescatado durante un simulacro en el cual desempeñó el papel de víctima de una bomba en un ataque suicida el miércoles. El simulacro ocurrió en el parque Lincoln, ubicado en el boulevard Universidad.

ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

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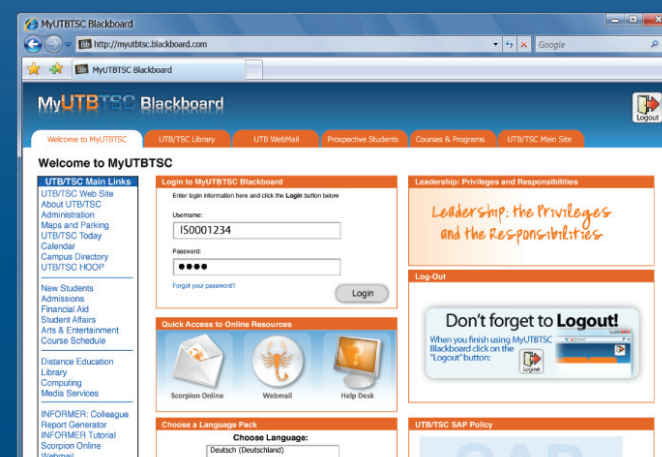
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